

A SON OF ETHIOPIA MAKES GOOD AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

New York, N. Y., Special.—Prof. Charles Winter Woodfi formerly a teacher in Tuskegee Institute, and who is now completing a graduate course at Columbia University, having earned quite a reputation for himself at a dramatic reader and interpreter of literature, was asked by the Choral Union Club, of Columbia University to interpret Colridge-Taylor's "Wedding Feast of Hiawatha," which was recently given by the club at the University, in the Horace Mann Auditorium. There was present the regular highly cultured university audience which filled the auditorium to overflowing. Mr. Wood had a very hard task to perform in the rendering of this piece, by reason of the fact, that the rhythm of the poem is very difficult to sustain in a reading. Mr. Wood's dramatic ability was perhaps never used to better advantage. The piece selected by the Choral Union, strangely enough, is set to music by a colored composer, and this fact may have suggested the idea of having Mr. Wood, a colored student to render it. Be that as it may, when the entertainment was finished, Mr. Wood was fairly deluged by faculty, students and visitors, whose praises were sounded in no measured terms his wonderful magnetism and other artistic powers having so completely won the audience, that the other hundred and a quarter members of the club were almost forgotten. The fact of his rich voice, flexible gestures and splendid ability of expression, forming the topic of discussion the remainder of the evening, prompts one to conclude that if one is master of a quality worth possessing, it don't matter after all if he be black.

Hon. Wilfred H. Smith, of 150 Nassau St. is receiving many complimentary expressions from the legal fraternity on his masterly presentation of the Alabama case to the United States Supreme Court. Although the decision of Mr. Justice Holmes was a reverse one, Counsellor Smith is not discouraged in his attempt to solve this momentous phase of the race problem. With characteristic modesty, he refuses to be interviewed on the subject, but his friends say that he will no doubt take the matter to Congress in his determination to force the issue through.

The Mt. Olive Baptist church observed their 25th Anniversary on Sunday the 3rd inst. In the morning Rev. Clue filled the pulpit and spoke from John, 5th chapter and 24th verse. Rev. Frank Morse presided. Dr. McArthur, pastor of Calvary Baptist church as one of the principle speakers. He touched principally upon the emigration of the Negro to New Mexico. Rev. Granville Hunt, of Mt. Vernon, made an address on "The Singularity of the Present Age," followed by Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. D., pastor of St. Marks M. E. church, and Rev. Charles Morris, of the Abyssinia Baptist church. The evening service was held at Carnegie Hall, 57th & 7th ave. The pastor, Rev. C. T. Walker, preached the anniversary sermon. The house was crowded to suffocation, and many had to be turned away. Dr. Walker spoke principally along the line of the "Negro's Progress." The collection for the day was \$2,448.51. According to Mr. Rockefeller's promise that if the church would raise \$2,000 at the anniversary he would give \$1,000; the trustees are expecting a grand total of \$3,500, which sum will go to pay off the mortgage on the church.

The second meeting of the Young People's Improvement League, which is composed of young people's societies of Greater New York and vicinity, was held at Bethel A. M. E. church, West Twenty-fifth street, on Thursday evening, May 7th. There was a large audience present and Mr. John E. Bruse, (Bruce Grit,) delivered an address on the "Concentration of Energy."

At St. Mark's Lyceum, on Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Alexander delivered the annual address, subject, "Is the day at hand and does the night appear." The paper which was an excellent one, dealt principally with the emigration of the Negro to Africa.

On Thursday evening the 7th, Mr. Thomas Holmes read a well prepared paper on "The Industrial aspects of the Race. Sunday the 10th, Mr. J. Francis Morris, has charge of the program which is musical and literary.

At St. James Presbyterian church, Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. C. LeRoy Butler, occupied the pulpit and preached the ordination sermon to the elders and deacons elected at the regular annual congregational meeting on Monday April 27th. Sacrament was administered in the evening. Mr. Moses Morrison was installed as elder of the church, and Mr. John Hillery as deacon.

Miss S. Marie Faulkner, of 597 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, is entertaining a party of friends from Boston, who came on in anticipation of the production of "Aida," on Tuesday the 11th by the Drury Opera Company.

A GRAND OPENING.

The new pool and billiard parlors and buffet of Col. Jack M. Ryan, at 619 B St., (opposite B. and P. Depot), will be formerly opened Friday evening, May 15th. Mr. Ryan has spared neither pains nor expense to equip his place in the most up-to-date fashion. Everything is brand new and spick and span.

The three floors of the new building will be open for inspection to the public and for the amusement of his many friends and the public generally. A feature of this opening will be music and light refreshments. It will begin at 8 o'clock and last until 12 p. m. Mr. Ryan extends a cordial invitation not only to his personal friends, but to the public to come and to inspect his place. All are invited, 619 B. St., N. W., (opposite B. & P., depot.)

RACE GLEANINGS.

The Williams & Walker combination sailed for Europe on Tuesday, the 28th ultimo, on an extended continental tour.

Editor Asbury of the Odd Fellows' Journal, has this vigorous comment on the outrage in Joplin, Mo., after protesting against the barbarity of the crime:

"The action of the mob in Joplin proclaims the fact that the Negro has prospered to such an extent that he has become the object of the envy of the slothful and unsuccessful of the white race."

In a recent issue of The Howard Spectator of Wilmington, Delaware, an Englishman who visited this country some time ago pays high but just tribute to Miss Kruse, the well known educator of that city.

Mr. T. McCants Stewart, who graduated from the University of Minnesota a few years ago with distinguished honors, has taken up his residence on the Pacific Coast. A few days ago he applied for admission to the bar at Portland, Oregon.

The Enterprise Investment Company is a new candidate for race patronage in Portland, Oregon. It is capitalized at \$10,000, and is incorporated under the State laws. Its officers are some of the most progressive race leaders of Portland. J. C. Logan is President, and Walter Plummer Secretary.

"The Southern Sanitarium," a publication of Southern Pines, North Carolina, makes an urgent appeal for funds in aid of this institution which has been established for the cure of consumptives of the race. Dr. L. A. Scruggs is the general manager.

Commencement Exercises of Bennett College will begin on Sunday, May 10th, and will close with Commencement day, May 14th. The Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached by the Rev. A. H. Newson, of Charlotte, N. C. The address to the graduating class will be delivered by President James B. Dudley, A. M., of the A. & M. College, Greensboro, N. C.

Subscribers knowing themselves to be in arrears with their subscriptions to The Colored American will please bring or send the amount due to this office. You can help The Colored American very much in this way.

The Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers

Is the leading Colored Fraternal Society of the United States. It was organized January, 1881, by William W. Browne, and chartered in April, 1883, under the laws of the State of Virginia, with headquarters at Richmond, Va. Its membership is both male and female, and consists of all persons of good health from 14 to 60 years of age. Its membership of 60,000 is divided into Fountains and Circles. It pays sick benefits from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, and pays death benefits from \$24.56 to \$1000.

BENEFITS PAID—Total benefits paid to date: Sick dues, \$1,500,000; death benefits, \$714,378.75.

SENIOR FOUNTAINS—A Fountain may be organized consisting of 20 or more persons not over 50 years of age paying a joining fee of from \$4.60 to \$5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than 35 cents in rural districts and not less than 50 cents per month in towns and cities, and a semi-annual tax of 40 cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, while death benefits range from \$75 to \$125. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master, or to any of his authorized deputies.

ROSEBUDS—For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebuds. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may form a Rosebud, upon the payment of \$1 each. This department, like the Senior Fountain, pays sick benefits from \$1 to twenty-five cents per week, and death benefits from \$24.50 to \$37. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

CLASSES—Persons desiring to leave their beneficiaries at death a larger amount than is paid from Fountain Department, take out policies in one or more of the Classes of the Mutual Benefit Degree. The members of this degree are divided into Circles, and pay joining fees and dues according to the following tables:

Class "B"						Class "E"					
Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate after one year.	Value of Certificate before one year.	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues	Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate after one year.	Value of Certificate before one year.	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
14 to 25	\$2.50	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$4.75	\$1.20	14 to 25	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$9.50	\$2.40
25 to 30	2.75	200.00	100.00	4.75	1.20	25 to 30	5.25	500.00	250.00	9.50	2.40
30 to 35	3.00	200.00	100.00	4.75	1.20	30 to 35	5.50	500.00	250.00	9.50	2.40
35 to 40	3.25	200.00	100.00	5.70	1.43	35 to 40	5.75	500.00	250.00	10.40	2.60
40 to 45	3.50	140.00	70.00	5.70	1.43	40 to 45	6.00	400.00	225.00	10.40	2.60
45 to 50	3.75	115.00	58.00	6.65	1.66	45 to 50	6.25	400.00	200.00	11.40	2.80
50 to 55	4.00	70.00	45.00	6.65	1.66	50 to 55	6.50	350.00	175.00	11.40	2.80
55 to 60	4.25	65.00	33.00	7.60	1.90	55 to 60	6.75	350.00	175.00	11.40	2.80

Class "M"				
Age	Joining fee.	Value of Certificate	Annual dues	Quarterly dues
14 to 20	\$11.00	\$1000.00	\$21.90	\$5.25
20 to 25	12.00	1000.00	22.00	5.50
25 to 30	12.00	905.00	23.00	5.75
30 to 35	13.00	800.00	24.00	6.00
35 to 40	13.00	700.00	25.00	6.25

REGALIA—The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost will be in the easy reach of all, costing from 10 cents to \$3. The same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

THE SAVINGS BANK—In March, 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia a charter to the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, capital stock \$100,000. The bank commenced business April 3, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid up capital stock of \$100,000. From the humble sum of \$1,268.69, deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889 the deposits have grown to \$350,058, and the volume of business transacted amounts to \$6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented, while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne, an ex-slave of Haversham, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 North Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT—The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of \$220,221.65, situated in various States, consisting of 13 magnificent buildings used as halls, 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and three farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it. This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, chief of real estate and attorney for the association, office at 608 N. 2nd Street, Richmond, Va.

REFORMERS MERCANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION—Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December, 1899, with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail), buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and do general business. The association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth Street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to-date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodations for 150 guests. Mr. A. W. Holmes is manager, and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores, at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3d, 1900. It employs a force of 18 men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did \$50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since, and have been equally as prosperous. The general manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT—Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is \$1 per year, or 5c per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print any thing from a visiting card to a poster 42 by 62 inches. Fine job work of every class and description is made at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is editor and business manager, office 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

OLD FOLKS' HOME—In September, 1893, Rev. William W. Brown recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of old and decrepit members of the race. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 6344 acres, located six miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James," has been purchased, at a cost of \$14,400. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm, and Westham Station is located on it. Adjoining this farm is Westhampton Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South in summer. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westhampton Electric Railway, and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the cooperation of all charitable friends is prayerfully solicited. All contributions, donations and remittances of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Home, offices at 608 North Second Street, Richmond, Va.

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